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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A dishwasher rack basket assembly, said basket assembly comprising:

a water impervious basket of open mesh construction, said basket selectively positionable between a first size and a second size, said first size securing small items while permitting flow of liquid therethrough, said second size smaller than said first size and not securing small items while permitting flow of liquid therethrough; and

a projection positioned on said basket, said projection engageable to transform said basket from said first size to said second size.

2. A basket assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said basket further comprises:

a bottom wall;

a plurality of lateral walls pivotally attached to said bottom wall; and

a lid pivotally mounted to at least one lateral wall.

3. A basket assembly in accordance with Claim 2 wherein said first size is configured such that said bottom wall is oriented substantially horizontally and includes horizontally disposed edges and ends and each said lateral wall is oriented substantially vertically and includes substantially horizontally disposed upper and lower edges and substantially vertically disposed ends.

4. A basket assembly in accordance with Claim 3 wherein said first size is substantially rectangular shaped.

5. A basket assembly in accordance with Claim 2 wherein said bottom wall, each of said lateral walls, and said lid is oriented substantially vertically.

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6. A basket assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said bottom wall and each said lateral wall is integrally molded and formed from polypropylene.

7. A basket assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said basket assembly includes at least one connector for releasably securing said basket assembly to said dishwasher rack.

8. A basket assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said projection is mounted to at least one of said lateral walls, said projection permits a user to transform said basket assembly from said first size to said second size.

9. A rack assembly for a dishwasher machine, said rack assembly comprising:

a dish rack for retaining items to be washed;

a basket assembly removably attached to said rack, said basket comprising:

a plurality of longitudinal wall having a first length;

a plurality of lateral walls having a second length, each of said lateral walls pivotably attached to at least one of said longitudinal walls;

a bottom wall pivotably attached to at least one of said longitudinal walls;

a lid pivotably attached to at least one of said longitudinal walls; and

a knob positioned on at least one of said longitudinal walls.

10. A rack assembly in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said basket assembly is collapsible between a first size and a second size, said second size smaller than said first size.

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11. A rack assembly in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said basket assembly first size includes said bottom wall extending perpendicular to said lateral walls and said longitudinal walls and forms a generally rectangular cross section.

12. A rack assembly in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said basket assembly second size includes said bottom wall extending vertically and parallel to said lateral walls and said longitudinal walls.

13. A rack assembly in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said knob is engageable to move said basket assembly between said first size and a second size, said second size collapsing said basket assembly.

14. A rack assembly in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said knob is configured to secure said lid adjacent each of said lateral walls.

15. A rack assembly in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said bottom wall, each of said lateral walls, each of said longitudinal walls, and said lid is made from polypropylene and is substantially of an open mesh construction to secure small items while permitting flow of liquid through said basket assembly.

16. A rack assembly in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said basket assembly includes at least one integral connector for removably securing said basket assembly to said rack assembly.

17. A dishwasher comprising:

a cabinet including an interiorly disposed washing chamber;

a dish rack disposed in said washing chamber; and

at least one basket assembly collapsible between a first size and a second size having a generally rectangular cross section and removably attached to said rack, said at least one basket assembly comprising:

a pair of spaced apart end walls movably coupled to a pair of spaced apart elongate walls, such that said end walls and said

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elongate walls are movable between a first position and a second position, said second position collapsing said basket assembly;

a bottom wall pivotably coupled to at least one of said elongate walls, such that said bottom wall is rotatable between a first position and a second position;

a lid pivotably coupled to at least one of said elongate walls;

a knob positioned on at least one of said elongate walls.

18. A dishwasher in accordance with 17 wherein said basket assembly second size is smaller than said basket assembly first size.

19. A dishwasher in accordance with 17 wherein said basket assembly is pervious to water, such that water is permitted to pass therethrough to wash small items disposed in said basket assembly.

20. A dishwasher in accordance with 17 wherein said basket assembly comprises plastic.